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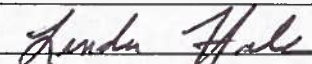


Subject: King Airway Recall

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The Triad Group, through Bound Tree Medical, has notified us that they are recalling all of our King Airways, specifically for the lubricating jelly located in in the sealed kits. This recall does impact the inventory currently in the field, the hospitals and in the warehouse. Due the high demand for replacements, Bound Tree Medical has indicated there will be a significant delay in shipping new airways. Since the recall only affects the lubricating jelly packet, **providers shall not use the lubricating jelly packet that is included in the sealed King Airway.**

The INOVA hospitals have already removed their supply of replacement King Airways from shelves. Until they receive their replacement shipment, EMS units must restock the King Airway at their station. Additional King airways are being dispersed to all volunteer and career stations. When a station requires an additional King Airway due to call usage, they should contact the EMS-BCs to replenish their station.

In consultation with Dr. Morgan and the Office of the Medical Director, we have opted for a staggered return of the airways. This will allow this critical device to remain available for use during the recall exchange. The process will be as follows:

1. The Logistics warehouse will ship one of each size airway to every station as immediate replacement stock when the device is used on a call.
2. The Logistics warehouse will ship additional, non affected, sterile lubricating jelly that may be used with the King Device. The new packet should be attached to the King Airway kit and used as needed in place of the packet in the kit.
3. If the device is used on a call, the AIC will need to email the EMS Battalion Chiefs at both jose.salazar@loudoun.gov and tim.menzenwerth@loudoun.gov to request the reserve be replenished. By emailing both the EMS BCs, the AIC can be sure the next on duty BC will get the email and the replacement will be sent out promptly.
4. The Logistics warehouse will keep a small supply of the airways on hand as the reserve. Logistics will return its remaining stock to the vendor for replacement.
5. As the new stock arrives, Logistics will be contacting stations/agencies to swap out their current supply, that in turn, will be returned for replacement. This process will continue until the system has exchanged its entire supply of King Airways.
6. Stations that still have a supply of Combi-tubes may use those devices in lieu of the King Airway. Combi-tubes will not be replaced.

Until each station has been exchanged, Providers are directed to NOT USE the lubricating jelly packet located within the King Airway kit.

In addition to this recall on the King Airways, the Triad Group through Bound Tree Medical is also recalling ALL LOTS of alcohol prep pads, alcohol swabs and alcohol swab sticks. These items will be found as Bound Tree Medical Item #s 362-10-30003BX, 362-10-3101BX, 362-10-3101BBX and 362-10-4300BX. The concern is that the products "may be contaminated with an objectable organism." If you have any of these alcohol products please return them to the Logistics warehouse for the recall.

At this time we are not aware of any further recalls that may affect any additional supplies we utilize. Should further recalls be received, they will be disseminated in a similar fashion.

The EMS BCs have been directed to monitor this process. Please direct any questions to them and not to the Logistics Warehouse.